



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2050

federal office; online signature collection

Prime Sponsor: Representative Stevens, LD 14

DP Committee on Elections
DP Caucus and COW
X As Transmitted to the Governor

OVERVIEW

HB 2050 permits, beginning January 1, 2017, congressional candidates to gather nomination petition signatures through the Secretary of State's (SOS) online system and increases the number of signatures and \$5 qualifying contributions that candidates for statewide and legislative office may collect through the online system.

PROVISIONS

1. Directs the SOS to provide a system through a secure internet portal for qualified electors to sign a nomination petition for candidates for the office of U.S. Senator or Representative in Congress.
2. Requires the online system to:
 - a. allow only eligible qualified electors to sign the petition;
 - b. provide a method to verify the electors identity; and
 - c. provide for the transmission of those filings to the officer in charge of elections for the appropriate office.
3. Allows candidates for U.S. Senator and Representative in Congress to collect the full number of required petition signatures through the online system.
4. Permits candidates for statewide and legislative office to collect the *full* number of required petition signatures and \$5 qualifying contributions through the online system.
5. Becomes effective January 1, 2017.

CURRENT LAW

The SOS is required to provide an [online system](#) for qualified and eligible electors to sign a nomination petition for candidates for statewide and legislative office and submit a Citizens Clean Elections [\\$5 contribution qualification form](#) by way of a secure internet portal. The SOS must provide a method for the qualified elector's identity to be properly verified. A candidate for statewide and legislative office may only collect ½ of the number of required nomination petition signatures and \$5 qualifying contributions by use of the online system ([A.R.S. § 16-316](#)).

Nomination petitions must be signed by: 1) at least ¼ of 1% but not more than 10% of the total number of qualified signers in Arizona for a candidate for U.S. Senator or state office; 2) at least ½ of 1% but not more than 10% of the total number of qualified signers in the district from which a candidate for Representative in Congress is elected; 3) at least ½ of 1% but not more than 3% of the total number of qualified signers in the district from which the candidate for the legislature may be elected ([A.R.S. § 16-322](#)). Each signer may sign only one nomination petition

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for the same office unless more than one candidate is to be elected to such office ([A.R.S. § 16-321](#)).